

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0001], with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a U.S. National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/US03/17377, filed 6/2/2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/427,495, filed 11/19/02. In addition, PCT Application No. PCT/US03/17377 ~~this application~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/125,241, filed 4/18/02 (Patent No. 7,233,620, issue date 6/19/07), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/284,629, filed 4/18/01. In addition, PCT Application No. PCT/US03/17377 ~~this application~~ is related to PCT Application No. PCT/US03/17449 (~~not yet known~~), filed 6/2/03 ~~5/30/03~~, titled "~~Bandwidth Efficient Cable Network Modem~~", attorney docket number ~~20020032~~ ~~PCT~~. Each of these applications is herein incorporated in its entirety by reference. --